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In re application of:
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For: COMPOSITE MATERIAL WITH IMPROVED
BINDING STRENGTH AND METHOD FOR
FORMING THE SAME

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**SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Prior to examination, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 6.

Please amend claims 3-5 and 7-9 as set forth in Attachment A. Changes to the claims are shown in Attachment B.

Please add new claims 10-14 as set forth in Attachment C.

REMARKS

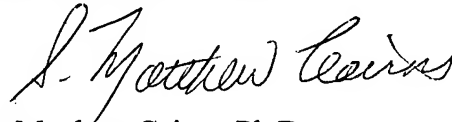
With entry of this Amendment, claims 1-5 and 7-14 are pending in the present

Application. Claims 3-5 and 7-9 have been amended to provide proper idiomatic English. New claims 10-14 are fully supported by originally filed claims 2-4.

Applicants submit herewith a substrate specification. This substitute specification is being submitted to place the claims and abstract on separate pages and to correct idiomatic English. No new matter is presented in this substitute specification.

Favorable consideration in the form of a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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